

2002 WREN Conference Agenda

Thursday, May 16, 2002

Surveillance Data Sources and Evaluation

- 8:30 **Welcoming Remarks**
- 9:00 **Blood Lead Testing in the West – What are Labs Reporting?**
Richard Leiker, Childhood Lead Prevention Program, Oregon Dept of Human Services
- 9:30 **Identifying Oregon Health Plan/Medicaid Children with Blood Lead Tests**
David Lew, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Oregon Dept of Human Services
- 10:00 *Break*
- 10:15 **Quantifying Completeness and Bias of the California Pesticide Illness Surveillance Program**
Louise Mehler, Dept of Pesticide Regulation, California Environmental Protection Agency
- 10:45 **Evaluating Pesticide Poisoning Reporting by a Poison Center**
Catherine Thomsen, Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology, Oregon Dept of Human Services
- 11:15 **The Effect of Data Quality on Case Determination in a Pesticide Surveillance System**
Jim VanDerslice, Judy Bardin, Washington Dept of Health
- 11:45

Surveillance Data and Methods

- 1:15 **Workers' Compensation Claims Data: Can we use it for Occupational Injury and Illness Surveillance?**
Thomas Brundage and Catherine Thomsen, Environmental & Occupational Epidemiology, Oregon Dept of Human Services
- 1:45 **What's Wrong with Evaluating "Syndromic Surveillance?"**
Steven C. Macdonald, Non-infectious Conditions Epidemiology, Washington State Dept of Health
- 2:15 **Community Partners and Surveillance of Farmworker Injuries and Illnesses – Lessons Learned**
Jacqueline Villnave, Labor Education and Research Center, University of Oregon, Portland Center
- 2:45 **PM 2.5 / Respirable Particulates: From Environmental to Occupational**
Elizabeth Katz, California Dept of Health
- 3:15 *Break*
- 3:30 **Using Health Plan Data to Measure Asthma Quality of Care: Establishing Measurement Parameters**
Stacey Schubert
- 4:00 **Homicides of Women in California, 1991-1999**
Laura E. Lund, Epidemiology and Prevention for Injury Control, California Dept of Health Services
- Optional Hike (weather permitting)*
- 7:00 *Group Dinner at Arbor House Restaurant*

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Burning Issues

- 8:30 **Environmental Health Indicators in the Health of Washington State**
Jim VanDerslice, Office of Environmental Health Assessments, Washington State Dept of Health
- 9:00 **Surveillance and Health Indicators Discussion**
Group Discussion
- 10:00 *Break*
- 10:15 **From Cafeteria to Courtroom: Lessons Learned as a Trial Witness**
Patti Waller, Washington Dept of Health
- 10:45 **Unexplained Rash in Oregon Schools, February and March 2002**
Karen Southwick, Marilyn Scott, Leslie Davidoff, Yvonne Chilcoat, Oregon Dept of Human Services, Jackson County Health Dept
- 11:15 **Investigation of Reported Illnesses Following a "Foam Dance" in Pasadena, California, 2001**
Shanon Conroy, Dan Smith, Environmental Health Investigations, California Dept of Health Services
- 11:45 *Lunch (on your own)*
- Burning Issues and Epi Studies
- 1:15 **Retrospective Respiratory Illness Study of Clinic Visits Before and After the Westley Tire Fire**
Kyle Luman, Health Services Agency, Stanislaus County, CA

- 1:45 Incidence of Occupational Asthma in a Defined Population**
Michael Heumann, Environmental & Occupational Epidemiology, Oregon Dept of Human Services
- 2:15 Break**
- 2:45 East Bay Children's Respiratory Health Study: Preliminary Results**
Svetlana Smorodinsky, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, California Environmental Protection Agency
- 3:00 The Role of Environmental and Occupational Public Health Units in Response to Bioterrorist Attacks and Natural Chemical Disasters**
Raymond Neutra, CA Dept of Health, Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control
- 3:30 Bioterrorism Discussion**
Group Discussion

Saturday, May 18, 2002

Epi Studies

- 8:30 Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers in California**
F. Reber Brown, Hazardous Materials Laboratory, California Dept of Toxic Substances Control
- 9:00 Community Cancer Assessment in Response to Long-time Exposure to Perchlorate and Trichloroethylene in Drinking Water**
John W. Morgan, Desert Sierra Cancer Surveillance Program (Region 5 of the California Cancer Registry) and Loma Linda University School of Public Health

- 9:30 The California EMF Risk Evaluation**
Raymond Neutra, CA Dept of Health, Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control
- 10:00 Break**
- 10:15 Controversy around Two Miscarriage Studies on Maximum 60 Hz Magnetic Fields and Miscarriage**
Raymond Neutra, CA Dept of Health, Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control
- 10:45 Reconstructing a Cohort of Former Workers at a Viewmaster Factory**
Michele Freeman, Environmental & Occupational Epidemiology, Oregon Dept of Human Services
- 11:15 Conference Wrap-Up**

Conference Registration

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